

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 5, 2022

An Executive Session was held from 7:15 to 7:27.

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Borough Manager Zahorchak, Solicitor McDermott, Police Chief Payne, and Fire Chief Ireland. Dr. Blasiolo and Junior Councilperson Kochupura were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comments were received.

Ruth Pickering, 416 Locust St: Ms. Pickering spoke concerning the on-street parking ordinance.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli spoke regarding the water overflow issue under his property.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$207,289.98. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that the large amount was due to half of the rotator purchase.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Love moved to adopt the 2023 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund budgets. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Ms. Yaney read Resolution 2022-25: Property Tax. Second by Mr. Love.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2022-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough Council has adopted the 2023 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund Budgets, and;

WHEREAS, Act 51 of 2019 allows boroughs to establish their millage rate by resolution if the rate remains the same or is decreased from the prior year, and;

WHEREAS, the borough's 2023 General Fund Budget balances without the need for a property tax increase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a tax shall be levied on all real property within Edgewood Borough, subject to taxation for Borough purposes, for the fiscal year 2023 as follows:

The 2023 tax rate for general borough purposes shall total seven and one hundred eighty five thousandths (7.185) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation, unchanged since 2016.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
7.185 mills = \$7.185 for every \$1,000 assessment

ADOPTED this the 5th day of December, 2022 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-4 Mr. Sherman read Resolution 2022-26: Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant Application. Second by Ms. Yaney.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26**

Be it **RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Edgewood of Allegheny County hereby request a PA Small Water and Sewer grant in the amount of \$148,750.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Elmer/Beech Storm Sewer Improvements.

Be it **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Applicant does hereby designate Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Edgewood and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is an application for a grant for the purpose of a storm water extension. Discussion ensued over the nature of proposed work.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-5** Mr. Love moved to approve Resolution 2022-27, a resolution for planned division for new land fill. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-6** Ms. Patel read Resolution 2022-28: Borough Fee Schedule (title only). Second by Mr. Sherman.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2022-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN FEES
ASSOCIATED WITH BOROUGH SERVICES, PERMITS AND LICENSES.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla.. **Motion carried.**

- M-7** Dr. Epitropoulos read Ordinance 1078: Knox Boxes (second reading, title only). Second by Ms. Yaney.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1078**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ALLEGHENY
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE BOROUGH
CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF KEY
LOCK BOXES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-8** Mr. Sherman read Ordinance 1078: Knox Boxes (final reading, title only). Second by Mr. Love.

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DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-9 President Petrolla asked, 'shall this ordinance pass?'

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-10 Ms. Yaney read Ordinance 1079: Rental Property Registration (second reading, title only). Second by Ms. Patel.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1079**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER REGARDING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE ORDINANCES AND CODES, REGULATING RESIDENTIAL UNIT OCCUPANCY AND PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION, TRIENNIAL INSPECTIONS, AND PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sherman inquired if short term rentals (ie Airbnb) would be included in this requirement. It was noted that the intention of this ordinance is to ensure that these rentals be registered. Discussion ensued concerning the nature of room rentals in family dwellings as it pertains to the registration requirement and fee schedule.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-11 Ms. Patel read Ordinance 1079: Property Rental Registration (final reading, title only). Second Dr. Epitropoulos.

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DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-12 President Petrolla asked, 'shall this ordinance pass?'

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief Ireland stated that he had nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the water company met to discuss their budget. They are enacting a five percent increase. There was an auto-growth meeting, with an unmodified opinion given with no material deficiencies. The DEP did an inspection, and two filters were out of service. They need to be repaired by January. The labor contract expires December 31.

Mr. Love inquired if the increase referred to the entire bill, or just the water portion. Mr. Fuller replied that it referred to just the water portion, with a planned increase of seven percent from ALCOSAN, for a total increase of twelve percent.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak stated that registration for Youth Basketball has closed. Men's Basketball starts at the end of December, with registration available on our website.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mayor O'Donnell stated that there was an upcoming dinner planned. Ms. Patel noted that she would be attending that.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing to report, except to note that a brief Executive Session occurred prior to the regular meeting to brief Council on a personnel matter.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2022 paving program is mostly concluded, with line painting to be completed as weather allows, and work to be completed in the spring, including the Koenig Field tennis court work and Horace Way. The last day for leaf collection is Friday, December 9.

NEW BUSINESS No new business was presented.

M-13 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 8:04 pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager